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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/646,679 (U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB99/00905);  
International Filing Date: March 22, 1999  
For: **Signal Transduction Protein Involved in Plant Dehiscence**  
Inventors: Paul *et al.* (As Corrected Herewith)  
Our Ref: 0623.0890000/EKS/PSC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. A list of the cited references on Form PTO-1449 (5 sheets);
3. A copy of each cited reference on Form PTO-1449 (23 references);
4. Copies of U.S. Application Nos. 09/182,050, 09/528,188, and 09/528,249;
5. Original Power of Attorney from Assignee;
6. Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), with copies of Three Assignment Documents attached;
7. Original Declarations for Patent Application (Three separate documents executed separately by each inventor);
8. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.497(d)(1) of A Person to be Added and Deleted as an Inventor;
9. Consent of the Assignee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.497(d)(3);

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10. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO-SB-17) (*in duplicate*);
11. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
12. Our check no. 30452 in the amount of \$890.00 for Extension of time fees;
13. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US); and
14. One (1) Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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